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ström's useful sketch, and notably more cautious and judicious than Binet and Féré's somewhat one-sided exposition. The arrangement of the work is a practical one, and its utility has been increased by the changes incorporated in the second edition; the very complete index, and notice of authors, being among them.

The growth of interest in hypnotism characteristic of the last few years is certainly remarkable. A great deal of it is due to a general interest in strange mental states and appearances on the borderland of the knowable. This interest, while a natural and in some respects a useful one, is in danger of lapsing into an idle curiosity, if not an uncritical credulity. Then there is an interest in the practical side, — the hopes of aiding the arrest of disease, and the furthering of mental and physical well-being; and there is the much more limited psychological interest in the phenomena for their value in contributing to an analysis of the elements and modes of combination of mental and physiological processes. To correctly guide public interest, avoiding a semi-morbid interest in the unusual, — a link detached from the chain that connects it with the normal, — directing attention to the essential meaning of the phenomena, their relation to facts longer known and better understood, and furthering a calm attitude of judicial poise when confronted with apparent exceptions to all natural laws, — this is a task as difficult as it is important, and must be the object of every book not appealing to a professional audience. It is as contributing to such an end that the present volume is welcome. It is not a perfect volume in this respect, but it is as good as, if not better than, any we have.

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